

Nursery

The children have really impressed us in nursery this week. They have begun to make new friends, caring for one another and exploring their new environment. Some children enjoyed playing a game which was helping them to develop their turn taking skills. The children are also developing their listening skills during maths and phonics learning times.



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Year 1

This week our literacy work has been based around the story, *Commotion in the Ocean*. We have written clues to different animals using adjectives, and have also learned about rhyming words. In maths, we have been exploring number bonds to 5. The children have enjoyed exploring this practically and in number sentences. We had a history lesson this week where we looked at what the seaside was like in the past. In PE, we have been moving to different tempo music in interesting ways and developing our dance moves.

Year 3

This week we have continued to improve our descriptive sentences about a volcano eruption. We have worked practically in maths to order 3 digit numbers and have been using the greater than and less than symbols. In topic we have learned more about what a volcano is and have researched tectonic plates. We experimented to learn more about how these tectonic plates cause earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.



Year 5

In Year 5, we have been busy retelling the story of Rhodopis. We have been using lots of skills from the last 2 weeks to make them as exciting as possible! We have continued our reading of our class story- will the main characters reach Egypt? In Maths, we have continued our work with understanding larger numbers and rounding numbers too. In Science, the children have been investigating air resistance by making parachutes of all different sizes and in history, we have been examining historical sources to make inferences about the past.

Foundation Stage 2

The children have settled in really well to our school routine and are displaying their understanding of our school rules and ethos.

This week we have introduced our Literacy Mornings where the children have developed their phonics knowledge and fine/gross motor skills.

Our focus for maths has been based around the number 1. The children have been looking in depth all about the number 1 and how we can use and see the number one in maths and in the environment.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been writing the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been trying to include some adjectives to make our writing more exciting. We have been busy counting in 2's, 5's and 10's in number work. We have also been ordering numbers within 100. In computing this week we have been learning about algorithms and following simple instructions using a pirate treasure map. In science we have been investing what seeds need so that they can grow.

Year 4

This week in topic we have investigated how distance affects sound and what is pitch by using boomwhackers. In writing we wrote our biography all about Ed Sheeran. In RE we looked at the fisher of people and gave some good examples. In maths, we have continued to look at place value and used lots of physical resources to help us understand partitioning and 1, 10 and 100 more and less.

Year 6

In Year 6, we have been writing about marine iguanas linked to our work on evolution. We have also been reading about how life on Earth evolved through our book *When the Whales Walked*. We have been working on negative numbers and practising our calculation skills in maths. In Art we have been improving our shading skills to draw specimens of plants like Darwin did.

